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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. ROSKAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF NON-**
4 **IMMIGRANT NURSES IN HEALTH PROFES-**
5 **SIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMIS-
7 SION.—Section 212(m)(3) of the Immigration and Nation-
8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(m)(3)) is amended to read as
9 follows:

1 “(3) The initial period of authorized admission as a
2 nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(c) shall be
3 3 years, and may be extended once for an additional 3-
4 year period.”.

5 (b) NUMBER OF VISAS.—Section 212(m)(4) of the
6 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(m)(4))
7 is amended by striking “500.” and inserting “300.”.

8 (c) APPLICABILITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the 3-year period be-
10 ginning on the commencement date described in
11 paragraph (2), the amendments made by section 2
12 of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act
13 of 1999 (Public Law 106–95), and the amendments
14 made by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, shall
15 apply to classification petitions filed for non-
16 immigrant status. This period shall be in addition to
17 the period described in section 2(e) of the Nursing
18 Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.

19 (2) COMMENCEMENT DATE.—Not later than 60
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall determine
22 whether regulations are necessary to implement the
23 amendments made by subsection (a) and (b). If the
24 Secretary determines that no such regulations are
25 necessary, the commencement date described in this

1 paragraph shall be the date of such determination.
2 If the Secretary determines that regulations are nec-
3 essary to implement subsection (a) or (b), the com-
4 mencement date described in this paragraph shall be
5 the date on which such regulations (in final form)
6 take effect.

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